

notification **83A** is displayed so that two user selectable items **85C** and **85D** are now displayed on the display **15** with the first notification **83A**.

[0132] The third user selectable item **85C** relates to a function associated with the notification. As the first notification **83A** is associated with a different application to the second notification **83B** the third user selectable item **85C** is associated with a different function to the first user selectable item **85A**. The first notification **83A** relates to the event of received voice mail message and the third user selectable item **85C** relates to the function “listen” and enables a user to control the apparatus **1** to play the voice mail message.

[0133] The fourth user selectable item **85D** is similar to the second user selectable item **85B** as it also enables the user to control the apparatus **1** to close the notification **83A** such that in response to a user input comprising actuation of the fourth user selectable item **85D** the processor **3** controls the apparatus **1** to remove the notification **83A** from the display **15** and add the notification **83A** to the first subset of items **55** as described above.

[0134] When the notifications **83A** and **83B** have been added to the first subset of items **55** the user may access the first subset of items **55** by accessing the default graphical user interface **51** as described above.

[0135] If the user decides that they do not wish to either perform a function in relation to the notification or add the notification to the first subset of items **55** the user may delete the notification. In some embodiments of the invention the user may delete the notification by making a flick input as described above. It is to be appreciated that other types of input may be used. Once the notification has been deleted it is removed from the display and is not added to the first subset of items.

[0136] Embodiments of the invention enable the user of an apparatus to control and manage notifications relating to events. The embodiments of the invention provide an easily accessible user interface which enables a user to easily distinguish between notifications of a first type of event and notifications of a second type of event. In the embodiments of the invention the first type of event may comprise events which are associated with the apparatus. Such events may require a response or some action by a user. The second type of events may comprise events which occur at one or more external servers. Such events may be of particular interest to the user of the apparatus but might not require any action or response by the user.

[0137] Furthermore embodiments of the invention enable a user to easily control which notifications are added to the user interface. A user may be given the option to add a notification to the user interface when an event occurs. This enables the user to delay responding to the event to a more convenient time. The user interface also acts to provide a reminder to the user of the events and may also provide a shortcut to functions of the apparatus to enable the user to respond to the events.

[0138] As the user interface may be a default user interface this makes the list of notifications easy and intuitive for the user to access.

[0139] The blocks illustrated in the FIGS. **4A**, **4B** and **5** may represent steps in a method and/or sections of code in the computer program **9**. The illustration of a particular order to the blocks does not necessarily imply that there is a required or preferred order for the blocks and the order and arrangement of the block may be varied. Furthermore, it may be possible for some blocks to be omitted.

[0140] Although embodiments of the present invention have been described in the preceding paragraphs with reference to various examples, it should be appreciated that modifications to the examples given can be made without departing from the scope of the invention as claimed. For example in some embodiments of the invention the apparatus may be configured to enable a user to copy or move items from one subset of items to the other subset items. This may enable a user to filter out important or particularly interesting items from a subset of items. It may also enable a user to ensure that particular items do not get deleted from the second subset of items.

[0141] For example, a user may receive a notification which is automatically added to the second subset of items. The user may wish to perform a function in relation to the notification such as sending the notification to another user or sending a message or making a calendar entry in relation to the notification. For example a notification in the second subset of items may relate to an update on a networking service. The information in the update may prompt the user of the apparatus to perform a function such as messaging the contact from the networking service associated with the item or sending the news to other contacts. The user may be able to move the notification from the second subset of items to the first subset of items by making a particular type of input such as a trace input on a touch sensitive display.

[0142] Features described in the preceding description may be used in combinations other than the combinations explicitly described.

[0143] Although functions have been described with reference to certain features, those functions may be performable by other features whether described or not.

[0144] Although features have been described with reference to certain embodiments, those features may also be present in other embodiments whether described or not.

[0145] Whilst endeavoring in the foregoing specification to draw attention to those features of the invention believed to be of particular importance it should be understood that the Applicant claims protection in respect of any patentable feature or combination of features hereinbefore referred to and/or shown in the drawings whether or not particular emphasis has been placed thereon.

1. A method comprising:
 - causing display on a display of an apparatus of a plurality of items comprising a first subset of items and a second subset of items wherein the first subset of the plurality of items comprise notifications of events associated with the apparatus and the second subset of the plurality of items comprise notifications of events occurring at one or more external servers.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising updating the first subset of the plurality of items in response to a user input.
3. A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein updating the first subset of the plurality of items comprises at least one of adding an item to the first subset of the plurality of items or removing an item from the first subset of the plurality of items.
4. (canceled)
5. A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the user input enables the apparatus to perform a function using an application associated with the item which is removed from the first subset of the plurality of items.